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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Special Security Center

SUBJECT: Possible Security Violation

1. Attached is a copy of the R&D Review published by the Office of Information of Vandenberg Air Force Base, California, in December 1965. It includes a complete article from Business Week dated November 13, 1965 entitled The Base Where MOL Will Be Born.

2. In the first several paragraphs the Business Week article outlines several things that are presently going on at Vandenberg and include the fact that one of the prime missions of the specialists at Vandenberg are to launch the Air Force reconnaissance satellites. It then goes into some detail as to Midas, Samos, etc. and points out that some of these pay loads are brought back some place off Hawaii.

3. We in OSP realize that the type of information revealed in the first paragraphs of this article have been published in a speculative manner by many different publications. It would seem to us, however, that by virtue of this article being made a part of an official Air Force publication it is defacto verification of the truth of the article. If this assumption is correct we feel that there is a possible violation of the "Gilpatrick Directive" which indicated that the U.S. Government would neither confirm nor deny any articles published relative to the satellite reconnaissance program.

4. We would appreciate your looking into the above for whatever action you might deem necessary.

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5. At your convenience would you please advise your determination of this case.

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**JOHN J. CROWLEY
Director
Office of Special Projects**

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